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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on _____
 - the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - a translation of the international application into , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

Description, Pages

1-16 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-25 as originally filed

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
 - the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	15-25
	No:	Claims	1-14
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	15-25
	No:	Claims	1-14
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-25
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Ad V

The subject-matter of the present application is not novel and inventive in the sense of Art 33(1)-(3) PCT.

The subject-matter of the present application relates to a process wherein a certain amount of a lipophilic amine salt of an ethylenically unsaturated water soluble polymerisable sulfonic acid monomer is polymerised in water in the presence of a water insoluble lipophilic monomer other than the lipophilic amine salt (claims 1 and 20), products according to claims 15 16 and 20 containing the outcome polymers. It is acknowledged that according to the arguments provided in the reply letter the gist of the invention lies in the use of a lipophilic amine salt of an ethylenically unsaturated water soluble polymerisable sulfonic acid monomer. In particular lower organic amine cations, such as methyl amine, ethyl amine, etc. (first page, second paragraph of the reply letter) are not suitable to provide lipophilic faculties. As outlined in the application the lipophilic character is provided when the total carbon atoms in the amine ion have at least 6 (page 5, lines 25-26). Using ethyl amine, which is considered a lower organic amine, the total number of carbon atoms is at least 6 (3×2). Thus, the corresponding amine salt is also lipophilic in the sense of present claim 1.

Thus, the subject-matter of present claim 1 is anticipated by D1.